COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)
OF PHELPS GAS COMPANY, INC.) CASE NO. 5743-N

ORDER

On December 20, 1972, the Commission issued its Final Order in Case No. 5743, approving certain rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased.

On February 19, 1981, the Applicant, Phelps Gas Company, Inc., notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be increased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., effective March 1, 1981, and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with this Commission's Order of December 20, 1972. The notice set out certain revisions in rates which the Applicant proposed to place in effect with gas supplied on and after March 1, 1981, said rates being designed to recover the increased cost of natural gas of its supplier in the amount of \$8639.68.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

- (1) That the Applicant's supplier has filed increased rates and said rates will become effective on and after March 1, 1981.
- (2) That the Applicants notice of February 19, 1981, failed to provide the twenty (20) days notice as required by Statute and, therefore, the rates should become effective for service rendered on and after March 11, 1981.
- (3) That the adjusted rates under the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 5743,
 dated December 20, 1972, as set out herein are fair, just, and
 reasonable and in the public interest and should be allowed to be
 effective with gas supplied on and after March 11, 1981.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates including the proposed Purchased Gas Adjustment be and the same are hereby approved to be effective with gas supplied on and after March 11, 1981, as set out in Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of the future application of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause of the Applicant the Base Rate for purchased gas shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

\$3.347 per Mcf

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by the Applicant on February 19, 1981, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. 5743 and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under the Commission's Rules is hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order, the Applicant shall file with this Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 26th day of February, 1981.

For the Commission

ATTEST:

APPENDIX "A"

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 5743-N DATED February 26, 1981

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Phelps Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First 1 MCF \$6.249

Next 49 MCF 3.994 per MCF

All Over 50 MCF 3.844 per MCF